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certain specialized departments of Government, re-employment of retired technical personnel is allowed at present in the Public Works (including Electricity and Highways), Survey, Medical and Health Departments and in Treasuries.

" (b) Yes."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" May I presume that re-employment will not be followed as a general rule in the departments other than those mentioned by the Hon. Minister? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" That is not the general rule in other departments."

*The North Arcot Co-operative Pumpset Society at Vellore.*

* 29 *Q.*—DR. C. NATHAMUNI NAIDU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries, Labour and Co-operation be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the North Arcot District Co-operative Pumpset Society at Vellore was formed; and what its share capital is; and

(*b*) the number of pumpsets purchased by the society so far?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) The Society was registered on 3rd February 1941 and started work on 16th February 1941. Its share capital on 20th November 1953 was Rs. 93,650.

" (*b*) Fifty-six pumpsets have been purchased by the Society."

DR. C. NATHAMUNI NAIDU :—" May I know whether it is a fact that many members in the Gudiyatham taluk have taken loans for purchasing pumpsets and submitted false reports of purchase of pumpsets from bogus companies (which never existed) and without actually purchasing them? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" There have been complaints with regard to the working of this Society and counter-petitions to say that these allegations are wrong. The Government are examining the matter very carefully."

DR. C. NATHAMUNI NAIDU :—" May I know whether a supersession notice has not been served on the President of the Society? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I should like to have notice of this question."

DR. C. NATHAMUNI NAIDU :—" I have already given notice of this question also. May I know whether loans have been granted to members of this Society without taking legal opinion on them? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" That is one of the allegations. That is why I said that we were looking into the matter."

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DR. C. NATHAMUNI NAIDU :—" Is it a fact that the President has given unauthorized loans to most of his relatives?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" These are common allegations with regard to the working of every co-operative society in this State. This allegation has been made with regard to this particular Society also. We are investigating the matter to find out if there is any truth in it."

DR. C. NATHAMUNI NAIDU :—" How many members of this Society have become defaulters?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I should like to have notice of this question."

*Power laundries in the Tamil districts.*

* 30 Q.—SRI M. ETHIRAJULU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries, Labour and Co-operation be pleased to state—

(a) how many power laundries are in the Tamil districts of the Madras State; and

(b) whether any investigation has been made in regard to the durability of the cloth washed by power laundry; and if so, with what result?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (a) There are ten power laundries in the Tamil districts of this State.

" (b) No investigation has so far been made on this subject."

SRI M. ETHIRAJULU :—" May I know whether the Government have received any representation from the public to the effect that the clothes washed by power laundry are damaged and, if so, what action do the Government propose to take?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" We have no such information."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" Is there not a power laundry in the Madras General Hospital? I believe the washing of the clothes there is excellently done?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" There is one power laundry in the Madras General Hospital."

*Number of palmyra trees dried up in Tiruchendur taluk.*

* 31 Q.—SRI S. B. ADITYAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether a large number of palmyra trees in Udangudi and Sattankulam firkas of Tiruchendur taluk, Tirunelveli district, have dried up and died owing to drought;

(b) if so, whether the Government will be pleased to lay on the table of the House a statement showing the number of palmyra trees (village-war) which have partly dried up and fully dried up in those two firkas;